Targets for Delhi Commals' which appaar-ed in the Hindu, dated Jnly 4, 1991;

(b) if so, the number of old men, women and couples killed by criminals in Delhi during the last three months May to July, 1991, and the steps taken to bring the culprits to book; and

(c) the number of cases in which the culprits have been apprehended and those still at large?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE] MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) A news item captioned "Easy targets for Delhi criminals" appeared in the Hindu dated 4th July, 1991. The news item primarily related *to* the murders of the aged and the elderly people in Delhi.

(b) and (d) In eight cases, two aged men and 6 aged women were murdered by criminals. In 3 of these cases, 4 persons have been arrested. In one case extradi tion proceedings have been initiated. All efforts are afoot to work out the remaining ewes.

Attack on Indian Ambassador at Bucharest .

1364. SHRI SYED SIBTEIY RAZI:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZ*AM:*
SHRI HARVENDBA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Ambassador to Romania has been recently shot and injured by sikh militants at Budiaresf;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the condition of the Indian Ambassador at present;

(d) whether stantement have *whose* been arrested;

(e) which country the assailants beling to;

(f) whether Govenment propose to prosecute the assailants of Indian Ambassador to Romania according to Indian Penal Code;

(g) if so, give details theme and if ast, too neasoas therefor;

(h) whether it is also a fact that the activities of the sikh assallants in foreign countries are increasing and lives of Indian diplomats are in danger; and

(i) whether Government propone to strengthen the security halt of Indian Diplomate abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISIRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALBWO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri J.F. Rihare Indian Ambassodor in Romania was shot and injured by suspected Sikh militants on 20th. August, 1391.

The incident took place in Bucharest at about 1830 hrs (local time) when the Ambassador and his wife were out for a walk close to their residence. One of the assailants, who was travelling in a car, opened fire with a Kalashnikov assault rifle. The Romanian Security personnel accompanying the Ambassador returned the fire following which the assailant fled throwing; away his rifle. Simultaneously, three other assailants alighted from the ear and opened fire injuring the-Ambassador in his right thigh; The security personnel shot dead one of the assailants and overpowered two, one of whom also sustained injury. Mrs. Ribeiro was unhurt The fifth assailant who was in a asparte car also escaped.

(c) The Ambassador is stilt in the hospital but his condition is improving daily and he has started movins around.

(d) Two of the assailants were arrested by the Romanian Security personnel. Two of the assailants who fled immediately after the incident are yet to be arrested.

(e) *Tht* nationality of the assailants has yet to be ascertained as the investigation is still continuing.

(f) and (g) Since the crime was committed in Remania, the assailsams will be pro-seouted only according to laws in Romania.

(h) Yes, *Sir.*

(i) The rejpoasibitry for the protection of Indian diplomats abroad is that *of* the host Government. However, we constantly apprise our Missions of all threats to their security and advise then to alert the locat Government so that they may provide adequate secarity arrangements for their protection.

Revitatisation Plan for Shipyards in the Country

1365. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJF KKNTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under its consideration any proposal for revitalising the- public sector shipyards in the country;

(b) the reasons which; prompted Govern* ment for making such a programme in the light of the serious economic condition of the country;

(c) the cost involved on this programme and how Government propose to meet it;

(d) the names of the public sector ship- yards which are going, to be effected by this programme; and

(e) whether mis revitalisation program- me will make any addition to the exchequer and if se, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (TNDB- PENDBNT CHARGE) OF THE MINTS- TRY ON *SURFAGE TRASESFDRT (SHRI* AODISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The two arge public seetor shipyards under the idministrative control of Ministry of Sur-ace Transport, namely, Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin and Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam have been incurring losses since early 1980S. The uco'.tmulated losses of these shipyards as on 31st March, 199l stood at around Rs. 170 crores and Rs. 350 crores, respectively. In order to revitalise the strategic shipbuilding industry and to make these public sector units economically viable, a number of steps are persently under consideration of the Government. These include capital re- structuring, upward revision of Govt. subsidy payable for construction of oceangoing vessels, duty free imports upto 50% of realisable price of vessels etc. It is, Viowever. too early to quantify the cost involved in the revitalisation of the two Shipyards and the benefits that may accrue to the national exchequer because these will depend upon the nature of decisions that are finally taken in the matter.

Recruitment of E.D. employees by P and T Department

1366. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREM-JI KENIA: Will the Minister of COM- MUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that a big racket for recruitment of Extra Departmental Employees by the Superintendent, Post Office at Sonepat, Haryana is going on thereby the deserving candidates do sot get. the jobs and, money plays its part;

(b) the number of Extra Departmental Employees recruited since resump tion of duty by Shri D. R Wadhwa, Superintendent Post Offices, Sonepat Postal Division, Haryana.

(c) the number of such employees re- cruited directly and through the Em- ptoymetif Exchange;

(d) the reasons which compelled for direct recruitment against the preseribed